

Authorities for Committees to Meet:

Pages S3533–34

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:39 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 24, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3534.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

GUARD AND RESERVE BUDGET OVERVIEW

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense concluded a hearing to examine the fiscal year 2013 Guard and Reserve budget overview, after receiving testimony from General Craig R. McKinley, USAF, Chief, National Guard Bureau, Lieutenant General William E. Ingram, Jr., USA, Director, Army National Guard, Lieutenant General Harry M. Wyatt III, USAF, Director, Air National Guard, Lieutenant General Jack Stultz, USA, Chief, Army Reserve, Vice Admiral Dirk Debbink, USN, Chief, Navy Reserve, Lieutenant General Steven A. Hummer, USMC, Director, Reserve Affairs, and Lieutenant General Charles E. Stenner, Jr., USAF, Chief, Air Force Reserve, all of the Department of Defense.

AUTHORIZATION: DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces met in closed session and approved for full committee consideration those provisions which fall within the jurisdiction of the subcommittee, of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2013.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Katharina G. McFarland, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense, and 655 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps.

Also, committee began consideration of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2013, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on Thursday, May 24, 2012.

UNITED STATES–CHINA STRATEGIC AND ECONOMIC DIALOGUE

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Security and International Trade and Finance concluded a hearing to examine reviewing the United States-China strategic and economic dialogue, after receiving testimony from Stephen S. Roach, Yale University, New Canaan, Connecticut;

C. Fred Bergsten, Peterson Institute for International Economics, Annandale, Virginia; John R. Dearie, Financial Services Forum, Great Falls, Virginia; and Dean C. Garfield, Information Technology Industry Council, Washington, DC.

HEALTH CARE DELIVERY

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine progress in health care delivery, focusing on innovations from the field, after receiving testimony from Richard Migliori, UnitedHealth Group, Minnetonka, Minnesota; Lee Sacks, Advocate Health Care, Oak Brook, Illinois; Marc Malloy, Renaissance Medical Management Company, Wayne, Pennsylvania; and Paul J. Diaz, Kindred Healthcare, Louisville, Kentucky.

LAW OF THE SEA CONVENTION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine The Law of the Sea Convention (Treaty Doc. 103–39), focusing on the United States National Security and Strategic Imperatives for Ratification, after receiving testimony from Hillary Rodham Clinton, Secretary of State; and Leon E. Panetta, Secretary, and General Martin E. Dempsey, USA, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, both of the Department of Defense.

SECRET SERVICE

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Secret Service, focusing on trust and confidence, after receiving testimony from Mark Sullivan, Director, United States Secret Service, and Charles K. Edwards, Acting Inspector General, both of the Department of Homeland Security.

PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts concluded a hearing to examine protecting our children, focusing on the importance of training child protection professionals, after receiving testimony from Melodee Hanes, Acting Administrator, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice; Victor I. Vieth, Winona State University National Child Protection Training Center, Winona, Minnesota; Michael V. Johnson, Boy Scouts of America, Irving, Texas; Chris Newlin, National Children's Advocacy Center, Huntsville, Alabama; and Stephanie M. Smith, Northwest Arkansas Community College National Child Protection Training Center, Bentonville, Arkansas.

INTEGRATED DISABILITY EVALUATION SYSTEM

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine a review of the Integrated Disability Evaluation System, focusing on seamless transition and preliminary observations on efforts to im-

prove performance, after receiving testimony from Jo Ann Rooney, Acting Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness; John R. Gingrich, Chief of Staff, Department of Veterans Affairs; and Daniel Bertoni, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, Government Accountability Office.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 10 a.m. on Friday, May 25, 2012 in pro forma session.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

DEMOCRATIZATION IN THE CAUCASUS

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine democratization in the Caucasus, focusing on elections in Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia, and how far free and fair elections have come in the Caucasus, and what the United States can do to promote progress in upcoming elections, after receiving testimony from Tom de Waal, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Cory Welt, George Washington University Institute for European, Russian and Eurasian Studies, Christopher Walker, Freedom House, Stephen B. Nix, International Republican Institute, and Anthony Bowyer, International Foundation for Electoral Systems, all of Washington, DC.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 24, 2012

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: business meeting to markup proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Agencies, 10:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Armed Services: closed business meeting to continue markup of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2013, 8:30 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine "The Responsible Homeowner Refinancing Act of 2012", 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the global implications of poaching in Africa, focusing on ivory and insecurity, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine efforts to reform information technology spending, focusing on innovating with less, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold an oversight hearing to examine programs and services for native veterans, 12:45 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 2076, to improve security at State and local courthouses, S. 2370, to amend title 11, United States Code, to make bankruptcy organization more efficient for small business debtors, the nominations of Robert E. Bacharach, of Oklahoma, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit, Paul William Grimm, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland, John E. Dowdell, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Oklahoma, Mark E. Walker, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Florida, Brian J. Davis, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, and Charles Thomas Massarone, of Kentucky, to be a Commissioner of the United States Parole Commission, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 9 a.m., SH-219.

House

No hearings are scheduled.